



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

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Liturgy Times this Week

Sat	6.00pm	St Anne's
Sun	8.30am	St Anne's
	10.30am	St Anne's
	5.30pm	OLMC
Mon	9.15am	St Anne's - Liturgy of Word
Tue	2.00pm	St Anne's - Funeral—John O'Meara
Wed	9.15am	St Anne's
Thurs	9.15am	St Anne's
Fri	9.15am	St Anne's
	9.45am	St Anne's - Hour of Adoration
	7.00pm	St Anne's - Hour of Praise

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 10.00am—10.30am OLMC

1 May 2016
6th Sunday of Easter

Psalm Response

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words and my Father
will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh
Assisting Priest: Rev Bert Fulbrook SDB
Pastoral Assoc.: Sr Jose Noy RSJ
Pastoral Co-ord: Lyn Plummer
St Anne's Primary School: 9744 3055
Principal: Noelene Hussey
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344
Principal: Paul Hogan

Baptisms celebrated on Sundays.

Please contact the Parish Office for details of the
next Baptismal Preparation meeting.

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Carmel BRENNAN Severina, Myrna & Dianne
DE ARMAS Matthew GORMAN Jesse HOGAN Pat
JEFFREY Yvonne LAFFEY Phillip PAYNE Bill
RICHARDS Felice SALLUZZO Russell SHOE-
BRIDGE Christine VELTHUIS Beth WARBURTON

Recently Deceased: Patricia CHADWICK Doris
MIFSUD John O'MEARA Henry STUTE Charles
TAYLOR

Anniversaries: Michael BUTLER Laura CLARK
Angela FERRO Jerome FOUX Alex MATHEW
Darren PHELAN David ROMEO Jean & Ben WARD



LOVE

'Love' is that four-letter word that means one hundred different things to one hundred different people. In the Old Testament 'love' has many meanings. As in the modern world, it describes the strong attraction and powerful feelings experienced by men and women in their relationships with one another (Gen 24:67; 29:20; Song 1-8). Some prophets and poets compared God's love for his people with the love relationship between husband and wife. The deep love of a bride and groom in the Song of Songs was understood by some to describe the deep love of God for his people. The prophet Hosea said that Israel's failure to obey God was akin to a woman who was unfaithful to her husband (Hos 2), but that God would act to rebuild this broken relationship (Hos 3).

But Christian love, the love preached by Jesus, is a very different sort of love. In the Gospels Jesus taught his disciples to follow the commands to love God and their neighbour as they love themselves (Mk 12: 28-33; Mt 22: 34-40), and when he was pressed with the question: 'Who is my neighbour?' Jesus related the parable of the *Good Samaritan* (Lk 10: 29-37). In his famous '**Sermon on the Mount**' Jesus tells his disciples that they are even to love their enemies, since this is what God does (Mt 5: 43-48). However, John, in his Gospel, gives clear attention both to God's love for the world (Jn 3:16) and to the love that members of the community of Christ's followers are to have for each other (Jn 13: 34-35).

Now, since last Sunday's Gospel was an extract from John chapter 13, I feel we need to examine the full meaning of the '**new commandment**' of love that Jesus gave his disciples. This '**new commandment**' plumbs the depth of Christian love. Jesus said, '*No one can have greater love than this, than to lay down one's life for one's friend*' (Jn 15:13). Jesus did not only preach this '**love**', he lived it to its absolute limit. What is '**new**' in the '**new commandment**' Jesus enjoins on his disciples? The answer is this: '*you must love one another "as I have loved you"*'. To love 'unto death', as Jesus did, is the benchmark of Christian love. The cross is not just a place of suffering. It is the place where we can see how much God loves us. The standard of Christian love, therefore, must be measured against the sacrificial love of Christ. It is a love that gives unto death, a love that excludes no one. The love that flows from Jesus is not confined to neighbour or close friends. His love reaches out to enemies and those who did him harm. Jesus shared his bread with Judas, and he washed his betrayer's feet, even though he knew Judas was about to betray him.

As baptized Christians we are called to this supreme love exemplified by Christ. To love one another as Christ loved us is a tall order which is not easily reached except through extraordinary grace. However, the lifestyle of the early Christians must have come quite close to the ideal. They gave powerful witness to the presence of the Lord among them. "**See how these Christians love one another!**"

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

PREP ENROLMENTS-2017: OPENING DAY / EVENING Applications for St Anne's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Schools are now being received. Application packages will be available at the respective schools. Applications close on **Friday 6 May**. Large numbers attended the Open Day/Evening with 80% new parents to the school.

A PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT: will appear in next weeks newsletter.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT: All Catholic Parishes in Australia will hold this annual count over the first four Sundays of May. The results will be forwarded to the National Pastoral Research Office.

SPARC NIGHT: for the first time in our parish we will be privileged to have a praise and worship night with Reconciliation and Adoration offered. It will be held in St Anne's Church on Saturday 25 June at 7.30pm. You are welcome to come to Mass at 6pm and stay for an inspiring and moving prayer service. This is an experience to share with loved ones as we have an opportunity to give thanks to the Lord, to say sorry for our shortcomings and listen to uplifting music. We share this with our community so that you may be inspired by the work of the Lord.

KINDA KINDER : is running in the parish for the next 2 weeks on Tuesdays from 9am in the Parish Centre. Kinda Kinder is a structured education based play session which is run in collaboration with Victoria University. After the 4 weeks, we will return to the normal playgroup environment for parents and children to still play and socialize in the Parish Centre.

MUSICIANS PLEASE: our parish is fortunate to have been blessed with many talented musicians and singers who give so generously of their time and talent each week by leading the music at our Masses. We would love to hear from anyone who is able to help out, even if it is not on a regular basis. Please contact the Parish Office on 9744 1060 if you would be interested in helping at Mass with music in any way.

FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES: Starting the weekend Saturday 14 May to Sunday 29 May, our children, families and friends will be celebrating at our weekend Masses at 6pm, 10.30am at St Anne's & 5.30pm at OLMC. Please extend a warm welcome to our visitors.

SUNBURY CHAPLAINCY FUNDRAISER

Do you enjoy eating out? Would you like to support Sunbury Chaplaincy? Sapore Nostro Restaurant and Sunbury Chaplaincy are offering discount meal vouchers. From every voucher sold, \$9 goes to Sunbury Chaplaincy! Vouchers cost \$18 (value \$20, one voucher per booking) and are available from the Parish Office until Sunday 15 May (valid for use until 30 June). See flyer on noticeboard.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING—Begin your **ALPHA** journey here. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. Over 27 million people around the world have explored the big questions of life on Alpha. You're invited to join the journey: Where? Sunbury Baptist Church, Introductory 7pm Sunday 15 May (inc. supper) Sessions: 5.30-8.00pm Sunday 22 May—7 August (inc light meal). For more info contact Paul Craig 0419 875 597.

MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE: The Museum at 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne, will be open to the public on **Saturday 7 May from 10am—4pm**. A guided Mary MacKillop walking tour will take place at 11am. The museum, chapel and gift shop will be open and a special Mother's Day morning or afternoon tea will be available (\$5.00 per person) between 10.30am and 3.00pm.

SEMINARY ENQUIRY AFTERNOON—14 MAY

Those wishing to learn about the life of the seminary in view of trying out a vocation to the priesthood in the Melbourne Church are asked to contact Fr Kevin by 9 May for catering purposes. The afternoon includes meeting seminarians and staff, Prayer of the Church and evening meal.

The following children from our parish will be baptized this Sunday:

Harriet MOORE

Flynn SAMSON

We joyfully welcome them to our parish community of the Church.



MT CARMEL TENNIS CLUB OPEN DAY: Mt Carmel Tennis Club is holding a family Open day on Sunday 1 May from 12.00pm until 3.00pm. There will be lots of free activities for everyone including:-

- tennis lesson
- social play
- ball machine
- speed gun
- face painting
- BBQ provided
- freebies for the kids

Mt Carmel Tennis Club is on Stewarts Lane next to St Anne's Primary School.

PARISH DANCE: The Ripchords will be back at the Parish Centre, with their great music and dancing, from Rock & Roll to Barn Dancing on **SATURDAY 25 JUNE** SO KEEP THIS NIGHT FREE! Cost is \$20 per head. BYO basket supper. All profit goes to the LAP Project. Make a table and join in the fun. Enquiries to Cathie on 0405 380 560.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR DIAMOND JUBILEE: Today, we ask for God's continuing blessing on Bev and Brian Rippe as they celebrate 60 years of marriage which began in St Mary's Church, East St Kilda. They have been blessed with six children and twelve grandchildren. At their usual Mass today, they will receive a special blessing.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to the family of Joan Dole, (Johnson), who entered eternal life last Saturday. Joan came to Sunbury in 1940 and attended OLMC School. After the death of her first husband, she married Ivan who cared for her over the past ten years. Joan was a volunteer at Vinnies for 23 years. Her funeral began at OLMC Church yesterday and concluded with the Committal at Sunbury Cemetery.

'PRAISE AND WORSHIP—HOLY HOUR' is offered on the 1st Friday of the month, 6th May from 7.00pm to 8.00pm.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC: The May edition of this magazine is now available for sale at the Piety Stall for \$4.00.

POPE FRANCIS ON PALM SUNDAY: "I think of the many people, so many outcasts, so many asylum seekers, so many refugees, all of those for whose fate no one wishes to take any responsibility."

SMARTLOVING MARRIAGE SEMINAR: BOX HILL / MAY 21-22

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ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Nil **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Snell Family St Anne's Church—Nil

COUNTERS Kelly Stark Vern Walters Maureen Walters **GIFT SHOP:** Pat & Peter Readman John Porta **LECTORS:** Julie Reddan Lyn Mandouit Sr Jose Noy Alan Slocombe **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** **6.00pm** Carmel Pritchard Barry Roberts Yvonne Rozario Pauline Sharma Angelo Snell Jim O'Brien Dawn Westwood Sue Wight **8.30am** Glenda Shanahan Graeme & Lynne Simpson Andrew Swann Monica Allen Jo & Carmel Wiegerink Tom Allen **10.30am** Johanna Fahey Cathy Gay Tony Hendy Mick Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Jose Noy Mimi Quattrone Mark Perry **5.30pm** Will Honner Maria Mallia Rita Rocco